## **Summary of Symposium**

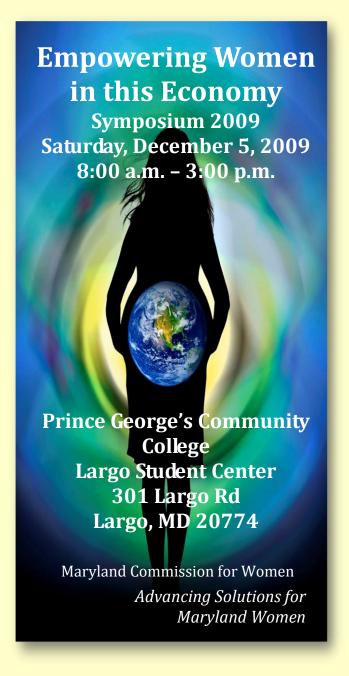
The current economy has had an adverse affect on states across the country with the Federal government spending less on each state resident. While the State of Maryland continues to outperform other states in this current economy there is still great need for education/information sharing. In an effort to keep in line with our mission, the Maryland Commission for Women (MCW) is providing this informational conference. Participants will be able to choose appropriate sources and attend one-stop, informational workshops and panels that will provide information and access to resources in the outlined areas. Experts will extend necessary resources to assist Maryland women in this challenging economic time by:

- Providing ready-to-use resources and information services,
- Setting up consultations and appointments
- Generate opportunities for residents to collaborate with other residents, state/local/federal agencies to improve their chances of economic success.

Please join the MCW at the Prince George's Community College's Largo Student Center, in Largo, MD on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

The Maryland Commission for Women (MCW) created in 1965 and established by an act of the Maryland General Assembly in 1971, is a 25 member citizen's group appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House from among persons interested in improving the status of women. Commissioners are appointed for four years; represent the various geographical regions and the diversity of the State.

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# **Symposium Overview**

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration and sign-in

Resource Vendors Exhibition OPEN all day

8:30 - 9:20 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Overview

9:30 – 10:20 Session I Foreclosure Financial Education

Money Matters

10:30 – 11:20 Session II Navigating for Help Domestic Violence

11:30 - 12:20 Presentation

12:30 - 1:00 Lunch

1:15 – 2:05 Session III

Foreclosure Financial Education Money Matters

2:10 - 3:00 Session IV

Navigating for Help Domestic Violence

3:00 Closing

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Invited guests include, but are not limited to:
The Honorable: Gov. Martin O'Malley,
Comp. Peter Franchot, Sen. Barbara
Mikulski, Sen. Ben Cardin, Rep. Elijah
Cummings, Rep. Donna Edwards, Del.
Joanne Benson, PGCo. Exec. Jack Johnson,
as well as, Dr. Charlene Dukes, PGCC Pres.,
Chief Judge Robert Bell, Sara Bloom
Raskin and Lynn Rosenthal

# Empowering Women in this Economy

#### Foreclosure: A Bump in the Road of Life

This panel will describe the legal services and resources available to help homeowners negotiate loan modifications in order to avoid foreclosure and stay in their home.

#### **Financial Health Builds Wealth**

A question and answer presentation to provide information on available programs in accounting, as well as developing and working within a budget.

#### **Money Matters: Weaving Your Own Safety Net**

A panel discussion on how to develop a financial strategic plan and use it as a guide to financial security; topics will include creating a savings plan and developing a realistic budget.

#### **Navigating for Help**

Knowing who to call is half the battle. This panel discussion will answer the questions of what you need, who to call, and what to ask.

#### The Legal Path of Domestic Violence

This panel will be led by attorneys who advocates for victims of domestic violence in Maryland courts. The cycle of violence will be examined so that attendees can identify if they or someone they know may be a victim. Safety planning and the housing and other services available to victims will be reviewed. The various legal methods to address relief will be discussed including how to file and obtain an order of protection in Maryland.

For directions to the Prince George's Community College visit <a href="http://www.umuc.edu/locate/pgcc.shtml#directions">http://www.umuc.edu/locate/pgcc.shtml#directions</a>

Or visit <a href="http://www.dhr.state.md.us/mcw/mwhf.php">http://www.dhr.state.md.us/mcw/mwhf.php</a> for directions and map. Park on lots B & C and walk through to the Largo Student Center.

There is **no fee** for registration. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis and is recommended. If you are interested in attending this one-day, **Free** symposium, please fill out this form and mail or email to:

# The Maryland Commission for Women at <a href="mcw@dhr.state.md.us">mcw@dhr.state.md.us</a>

### Sign-up Form

E-mail

Sign up for:	Time	
Foreclosure	□9:30 am	□1:15 pm
Financial Education	□9:30 am	□1:15 pm
Money Matters	□ 9:30 am	□1:15 pm
Navigating for Help	□10:30 am	□2:10 pm
Domestic Violence	□10:30 am	□2:10 pm

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